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For: HOCKEY PUCK FACE-OFF METHOD AND
APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed
July 25, 2005 (Paper No. 07202005), applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-26 for
continued examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following distinct inventions:

Group I, claims 1-26 drawn to a puck dispensing apparatus; and

Group II, claims 27-31 drawn to a method of using a dispensing apparatus.

The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct
inventions are claimed in a single application (37 CFR 1.142(a)). In the present case, although
the claimed subject matter may be classified in different classes, the inventions are not
independent. Indeed, the method claims of Group II are specifically directed to a method of
using a puck dispensing apparatus and include similar structural limitations as those found in
Group I.

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If the Examiner is aware of another method to use the product as claimed, using a process which is materially different from that set forth in the restricted claims, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to substantiate his position in greater detail. Otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that each of claims 1-31 presently pending in this application be examined.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 66274-0001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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